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1. ACCORDING TO NEWSMEN WHO SPOKE WITH FORMER PRESIDENT SPINOLA AND HIS PARTY, THEY ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES IN A TENSE AND ANXIOUS FRAME OF MIND. THEY TOLD AP REPORTER WHO ACCOMPANIED PARTY ON FLIGHT FROM RIO TO BUENOS AIRES THAT BRAZILIAN AUTHORITEIS HAD ASSURED THEM THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO BRAZIL UPON COMPLETING FORMAL VISA APPLICATIONS IN BUENOS AIRES. DESPITE THESE ASSURANCES, SPINOLA APPEARED CONCERNED LEST AFTER ARRIVAL HERE BRAZILIANS WOULD RENEGE ON PROMISE.

2. UPON ARRIVAL HERE, SPINOLA AND PARTY ELECTED TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THEIR RETURN TO BRAZIL ABOARD AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN USE AIRPORT HOTEL OFFERED BY
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3. FOLLOWING THEIR 2:15 PM MARCH 15 ARRIVAL, FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AMBASSADOR GIRALDES TO AIRPORT TO DEAL WITH SPINOLA. ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES, GIRALDES ACTED AS GO-BETWEEN FOR SPINOLA AND FONMIN VIGNES. LATTER, IN TURN, WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR WHO FINALLY WENT TO AIRPORT ABOUT 11:00 AM TO SECURE WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM SPINOLA AND PARTY THAT THEY WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN BRAZIL IF GRANTED ASYLUM. GROUP AGREED TO THIS AND EARLY AFTER-NOON OF MARCH 15 BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT PARTY WOULD LEAVE FOR BRAZIL SAME DAY.

4. DESPITE REF B AND RIFE RUMORS HERE THAT SPINOLA WOULD ULTIMATELY GO TO SANTIAGO, NO ACTIVITY ON PART OF CHILEAN OFFICIALS WAS OBSERVED AT EITHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OR AT AIRPORT.
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